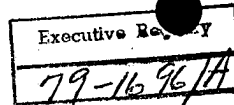


The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505



26 July 1979

Dear Bob,

How nice to hear from you again. Your thoughtful comments on my leadership of the CIA are much appreciated. If any one of our associates at the 49th AMP suggested then that in the late '70s I would be heading this organization, I would have been the most incredulous. However, I find it challenging and stimulating.

Thanks for your kind invitation to address the Navy League's Akron/Canton Council in October. I would like to do it, but my projected schedule will not allow it.

I'm flattered that you considered me and hope that you find time on one of your trips to Washington to stop by or call.

Yours,

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